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SUPERINTENDENT LUNA EXPANDS TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

BOISE – Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today he will expand the membership of the statewide *Students Come First* Technology Task Force to ensure parents and locally elected school board members are represented.

Under Senate Bill 1184, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to convene a task force to help in implementing the technology components of the *Students Come First* law, including the one-to-one ratio of mobile computing devices in high schools. The task force must be made up of at least 28 members, 17 of whom the Superintendent appoints.

“Because of overwhelming interest from across Idaho, I have added positions for parents, school board trustees and at-large members to ensure we have broad-based and balanced representation on this task force, which will play a critical role in the implementation of *Students Come First*,” Superintendent Luna said. These stakeholders were not previously required to hold positions on the task force.

Under the law, the State Superintendent will appoint: 4 school district superintendents, 2 district technology directors, 2 secondary school principals, 1 district business manager, 1 head of a virtual public charter school, 1 head of a traditional public charter school that serves grades 9-12, 2 secondary classroom teachers, 1 private sector education technology expert that does not provide online courses or mobile computing devices, and 3 representatives of the business community.

Now, Superintendent Luna also will appoint:

- 3 school board trustees
- 2 parents
- 2 at-large members

The remaining task force members will include a representative of the Office of the Governor, two members of the Idaho House, two members of the Idaho Senate, and a representative of each of the educational stakeholder groups: Idaho Education Association, Northwest Professional Educators, Idaho School Boards Association, Idaho Association of School Administrators, Idaho Business Coalition for Education Excellence, and Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

The State Department of Education is still accepting applications and nominations for people interested in serving on the task force. To learn more, visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/studentsComeFirst/tech.htm>. The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 13, 2011.**

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